GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2829
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2003
BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT AT JALPAIGURI
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governement of West Bengal and Calcutta High Courts has sent any proposal recommendingfor establishment of a Bench of Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS)

(a), (b) & (c): Both the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court and the Government of West Bengal have recommended setting up of a Bench of the Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri. As an interim measure, the Government of West Bengal has proposed to house the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri Zilla Parishad Dak Bungalow, which is under renovation, till a permanent building is constructed at an identified land at `Assam More` in Mouza Khararia, situated at the crossing of the Bye-pass (SH-12A) and the town of Jalpaiguri.